DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Employment and Training Administration
Native American Employment and Training Council

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice of renewal of the Native American Employment and Training Council Charter.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Labor (Department) announces the renewal of the Native American Employment and Training Council (NAETC) charter.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background and Authority

Section 166(i)(4) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, 29 U.S.C. 3221(i)(4) requires the Secretary of Labor (Secretary) to establish and maintain the NAETC. The statute, as amended, requires the Secretary, to formally consult at least twice annually with the NAETC on the operation and administration of the WIOA Section 166 Indian and Native American Employment and Training programs. In addition, the NAETC advises the Secretary on matters that promote the employment and training needs of Indians and Native Americans, as well as to enhance the quality of life in accordance with the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act. The NAETC also provides guidance to the Secretary on how to make DOL discretionary funding and other special initiatives more accessible to federally recognized tribes, Alaska Native entities, and Native Hawaiian organizations.

II. Structure

The Council will be composed of no less than 15 members, but no more than 20, appointed by the Secretary, who are representatives of Indian tribes, tribal organizations, Alaska Native entities, Indian-controlled organizations serving Indians, or Native Hawaiian organizations pursuant to WIOA Section 166(i)(4)(B). The membership of the Council will, to the extent practicable, represent all geographic areas of the United States with a substantial Indian, Alaska Native, or Native Hawaiian population, and will include representatives of tribal governments and of nonreservation Native American organizations that have expertise in the areas of workforce development, secondary and post-secondary education, health care, business and economic development, and job sectors growth.

Each NAETC member will be appointed for a two-year term. A vacancy occurring in the Council membership will be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. A member appointed to a vacancy on the Council will serve for the remainder of the term for which the predecessor of that member was appointed. Members of NAETC will serve on a voluntary and generally uncompensated basis, but will be reimbursed for travel expenses to attend NAETC meetings, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized by the Federal travel regulations. All NAETC members will serve at the pleasure of the Secretary. Members may be appointed, reappointed, or replaced, and their terms may be extended, changed, or terminated at the Secretary’s discretion.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Athena Brown, Division of Indian and Native American Programs, Office of Workforce Investment; (202) 693–3737; brown.athena@dol.gov.


Suzan G. LeVine,
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training Administration.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor’s (DOL) Employment and Training Administration (ETA) is soliciting comments concerning a proposed extension for the authority to conduct the information collection request (ICR) titled, Claims and Payment Activities Report. This comment request is part of continuing Departmental efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA).

DATES: Consideration will be given to all written comments received by September 7, 2021.

ADDRESSES: A copy of this ICR with applicable supporting documentation, including a description of the likely respondents, proposed frequency of response, and estimated total burden, may be obtained free by contacting Kevin Stapleton by telephone at 202–693–3009 (this is not a toll-free number), TTY 1–877–889–5627 (this is not a toll-free number), or by email at Stapleton.Kevin@dol.gov.

Submit written comments about, or requests for a copy of, this ICR by mail or courier to the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Unemployment Insurance, Room S–4520, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210; by email: Stapleton.Kevin@dol.gov; or by fax 202–693–3975.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kevin Stapleton by telephone at 202–693–3009 (this is not a toll-free number) or by email at Stapleton.Kevin@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: DOL, as part of continuing efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information before submitting them to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for final approval. This program helps to ensure requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements can be properly assessed.

The ETA 5159 report contains monthly information on claims and payment activities, including the number of initial claims, first payments, weeks claimed, weeks compensated, benefit payments, and final payments. These data are used in budgetary and administrative planning, program evaluation, actuarial estimates, program research, and reports to Congress and the public. Section 303(a)(6) of the Social Security Act authorizes this information collection.

This information collection is subject to the PRA. A Federal agency generally cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information, and the public is generally not required to respond to an information collection, unless it is approved by OMB under the PRA and displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.